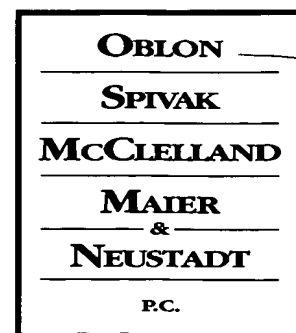


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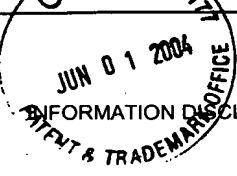
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1. A document entitled, "Access Instrument SystemTM with AlloSlingTM Fascia" (5 pages with two pages of Instructions for Use).
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